

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

Date: December 18, 2014

From: San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District
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To: Office of Planning & Research
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Project Title: San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District Rule Development:
Proposed Amendments to Rule 2020 (Exemptions)

Project Location - Specific: Not Applicable

Project Location - City: All cities within the San Joaquin Valley Air Basin (SJVAB)

Project Location - County: All counties in the San Joaquin Valley Air Basin (SJVAB): Fresno, Kern, Kings, Madera,
Merced, San Joaquin, Stanislaus, and Tulare.

Description of Project: The San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District (District) is proposing to amend District Rule 2020 (Exemptions) to align its permitting program with the California Air Resources Board (ARB) Portable Equipment Registration Program (PERP) and with the requirements of District Rule 4623 (Storage of Organic Liquids). The proposed rule amendments would bring into line the District's exemption rule with the statewide PERP program by allowing certain registered portable engines to be used at stationary sources during unforeseen interruptions of electrical power from the serving utility, maintenance or repair, and short-term electrical upgrade operations. Amendments to Rule 2020 would also exempt currently permitted heavy oil tanks at small producers (which are also exempt from Rule 4623 controls) and maintain the current internal combustion engine exemption levels in response to recently adopted NSPS and NESHAP requirements for engines smaller than 50 brake horsepower (bhp). Additionally these amendments would update and consolidate various sections of the rule that discuss source test methods to allow for flexibility in using alternative test methods with written approval from the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the District.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: San Joaquin Valley Unified APCD

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: San Joaquin Valley Unified APCD

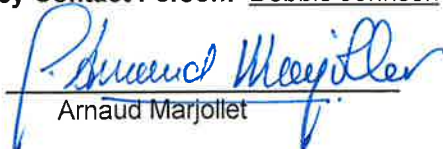
Exempt Status: (Check one)

- Ministerial: §21080(b)(1); 15268
- Declared Emergency: §21080(b)(3); 15269(a)
- Emergency Project: §21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c)
- Categorical Exemption:
- Statutory Exemptions:
- General Exemption: Section 15061(b)(3)

Reasons Why Project is Exempt: This project is to amend the existing District Rule 2020 (Exemptions). District staff concludes that there is no substantial evidence in the whole record before the District that proposed amendments to Rule 2020 would cause any adverse effects on the environment. The District finds that the project is exempt per the general rule that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment (CCR §15061(b)(3)).

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